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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

House et al

Serial No.: 08/689,518

Filed: August 9, 1996

For: **METHOD OF SEALING A
MANHOLE RISER AND A CATCH
BASIN AND APPARATUS FOR SAME**

Group Art Unit: 1314

Examiner: J. Davis

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.115

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 10, line 23, delete "and" and insert --an-- therefore.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 and amend claims 26, 34, 35, 38, 39 and 41 to read as
set forth below:

26. (Amended) A method of sealing a manhole riser of the type having a top
adjusting [rim] ring and a bottom adjusting [rim] ring, the manhole riser having a
height defined from the base of the bottom adjusting ring to the top edge of the top
adjusting ring, said method comprising the steps of:

5 (a) providing a band of elastomeric material, said band having a height at least
equal to the height of the manhole riser;

(b) placing said band over the manhole riser and positioning the bottom edge
of said band proximate the base of the manhole riser and securing a top edge of said
band to the top adjusting ring of said manhole riser, wherein said band includes an
10 adhesive disposed on an inner surface thereof for bonding said band to the manhole
riser and forming a seal therebetween.